

Sunday night on Mackinac Island

Darling Mitt,

Whenever we hear from you it is a gayer day - just seeing one of your envelopes starts the whole day off and my heart fluttering. Always I am excited with the news you impart -- the challenges you are accepting in a mature way - your duties and service - your last assignment sounds even rougher than the previous ones.

Yet your happiness darts out at us - your confidence and joy in the prospective baptism - I am anxious to know whether it was consummated, as you know.

We have had two amazing week ends -- one with Governor Rockefeller, Governor Scranton, and Governor Chaffee. The weather sparkled like diamonds and every moment had laughter and sharp repartee. It was golf, tennis, bicycle riding and best of all the stimulating conversations at the meals.

This week end we have had 50 members of the press for a reunion of those who were with us on the Western swing. They competed with your dad - teeing off - decathlon throwing, darting and harpooning balloons and all the competitive sports you can think of.

Tomorrow I leave for Salt Lake City with Lynn and will be with Ronna and Scott when they go through the Temple. Connie and Ruth are having a swimming party and dinner for them on Tuesday night. Bob, Pam and Morgan will be there as well as both of the families. My heart cries out that you cannot be with us and yet I am thrilled about where you are, not only because of my desires, but more importantly because you chose to make such a decision.

---much more to tell but I will be pouring it out to you in a few short weeks. We plan to be in Paris the night of the 9th but you will be getting more definite details from your Dad. Always we must qualify our plans because of pressing state problems, teachers' strikes or legislative matters. What a thrill to be able to see your dear face.

Hurrah for the wonderful reports from the hospital. Bruce went over them with me and says you are all right. You are 100 % in every department.

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I really appreciate your having the examination.

Jody and Brett spent the week end on the island and I am enclosing some notes they have written to you.

News clippings, too, that might be of interest.

Much Love,

Mother

P. S. Your mother dictated this letter but could not wait to read it - she was due at a speaking engagement Monday noon and then off to Salt Lake City.